

GUN AND MORTAR BATTERIES.

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FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF WAR
SUBMITTING AN ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR GUN AND
MORTAR BATTERIES.

JANUARY 19, 1904.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be
printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, January 18, 1904.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of
Congress, copy of a communication from the Secretary of War, of the
15th instant, submitting a supplemental estimate of appropriation for
gun and mortar batteries, \$800,000.

Respectfully,

H. A. TAYLOR,
Acting Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, January 15, 1904.

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith, for transmission to Con-
gress, a supplemental estimate (\$800,000) of appropriation for "Gun
and mortar batteries" required by the War Department for the service
of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905.

Very respectfully,

ELIHU ROOT,
Secretary of War.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

Supplemental estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905, by the Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army.

FORTIFICATIONS AND OTHER WORKS OF DEFENSE.

Gun and mortar batteries—

Construction of emplacements for semiautomatic high-velocity 6-pounder guns (act of Mar. 3, 1903; vol. 32, p. 1024, sec. 1; submitted).....	\$800,000
Amount appropriated for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1904..	2,459,925

NOTE.—The Board of Ordnance and Fortification has reported to the Secretary of War that a pressing necessity exists in our system of seacoast defenses for semiautomatic 6-pounder guns on pedestal mounts, which should be of the most powerful type for that caliber and mount, and has recommended that special estimates be submitted immediately for the procurement of guns and mounts of that character and for the emplacements required therefor. This recommendation has received the approval of the Secretary of War, and this estimate is submitted with the object of providing emplacements for the mounting of these 6-pounder guns to the extent of the amount specified. At present there are no guns of this caliber which have as yet been provided with permanent emplacements. Any sum appropriated for the above purpose should be in addition to that provided by Congress under the regular estimates for gun and mortar batteries printed on page 267, Book of Estimates, 1905.—*G. L. Gillespie, Brig. Gen., Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army.*

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